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1. Metal Import Trust of Zurich is now handling procurement and sale of essential raw materials and capital goods on behalf of the Central Commercial Bureau of USIA. Mrs. Katharina Fellner, Vienna representative of this firm, maintains constant contact with ranking officials of USIA and it is reported that she has the reputation of being one of the ablest of the commercial agents working for Smurushenkov and Ossipov of the Central Commercial Bureau.\*
2. Not long ago, Metal Import Trust sold 2,000,000 schillings worth of USIA products to New Zealand. It is reported that Mrs. Fellner arranged this transaction for USIA in conjunction with Hirschfeld, a former Austrian national who now resides in New Zealand.
3. Another transaction which Metal Import Trust has completed during recent weeks involved the shipment of large quantities of hematite from Linz, Austria, to the Soviet Union. Metal Import Trust despatched this shipment from Linz to the Austro-Swiss border, thence in sealed Austrian railroad freight cars to Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, where it was loaded on Danube river barges for forwarding to the USSR.

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